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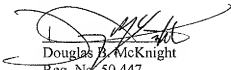
This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of October 18, 2007. Claims 2-10 and 15-24 are currently pending. The October 18, 2007 Office Action indicated that claims 2-6, 9-10, 15-17 and 22 were allowable and that claims 20-21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, claims 7-8 and 19-20 have been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 20 (and claim 19), and thus should now be considered allowable. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from currently amended claim 18, and thus should now be considered allowable. Since claims 23-24 now depend from a claim that should be considered allowable, namely claim 18 as amended, claims 23-24 should now be considered allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if such contact would facilitate the prosecution of this application. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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